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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**BLUE ASH FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED  
THROUGHOUT APRIL, MAY & JUNE**

The Blue Ash Fire Department will be performing its spring service to fire hydrants within the City throughout April, May & June

This routine maintenance is important to assure continued proper operation of hydrants. Examples of the work to be performed on hydrants include:

- Flushing hydrants, which will cause sediment and the water to discolor until the sediment settles.
- Lubricating and operating the hydrants.
- Replacing worn parts.
- Weeding around hydrants, either by cutting the weeds or by use of a chemical weed retardant.
- Selected hydrants will be flow tested, requiring large volumes of water to be run during a longer time to gather accurate readings related to water pressure and quantity.

Residents are respectfully reminded not to position plantings near hydrants to obstruct hydrants from view or to impede access by firefighters in case of an emergency.

The Fire Department will be placing yard signs near street entrances to identify the areas where they will be working. Residents living on these streets are advised to run water in their homes prior to use until the water appears clear. This is especially important before using water for drinking, bathing, or laundering. If residents find rust in their laundry water, they can go to the North Fire Station (10647 Kenwood Road) and ask for rust remover (supplied by Cincinnati Water Works).

Citizens with questions or concerns should call the non-emergency number of the Fire Department at 745-8533.